

8 searching a database to locate at least one item which is related to at least  
9 one item in said related group area based on a predetermined criterion, and placing  
10 located items in said suggestions group area;

11 modifying said predetermined criterion based on at least one of the user  
12 providing at least one additional example item and the user moving an item from one  
13 of said group areas to another of said group areas; and

14 continually searching said database to locate and place additional items in  
15 said suggestions group area which are related to said at least one item in said  
16 related group area based upon said modified predetermined criterion.

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1 **2. (Amended)** The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said  
2 predetermined criterion comprises assigning a normalized relevance score for each  
3 item based on each item's relevance to said at least one item in said related group  
4 area and wherein located items having a relevance score greater than a  
5 predetermined threshold are placed in said suggestions group area.

1 **3. (Amended)** The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising  
2 providing a user interface including visual representations of said related, not related,  
3 and suggestions group areas, each visual representation of an area including a  
4 visual representation of items contained therein.

1 **4. (Amended)** The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein said user  
2 selectively moves an item from one group area to another group area via said user  
3 interface by moving a visual representation of the item from a visual representation  
4 of said one group area to a visual representation of said another group area.

1        **5. (Amended)**        The method as claimed in claim 4, wherein said user  
2 interface comprises a graphical user interface and said visual representations of said  
3 group areas each comprises a pane on a display.

1        **6. (Amended)**        The method as claimed in claim 5, wherein said user  
2 selectively moves an item from one group area to another group area via said user  
3 interface by dragging a visual representation of the item from a pane of said one  
4 group area to a pane of said another group area.

1        **7. (Amended)**        The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein each of said  
2 items indicates one of a file, an email, and a mail item such as a task, a note, contact  
3 information and a web page.

1        **8. (Amended)**        The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising  
2 providing related, not related, and suggestions group areas for at least another  
3 organization instance and further comprising modifying said predetermined criterion  
4 based on the user moving an item from said related group area of said another  
5 organization instance to said not related group area of said organization instance or  
6 from said not related group area of said another organization instance to said related  
7 group area of said organization instance or from said suggestions group area of said  
8 another organization instance to said related or not related group areas of said  
9 organization instance.

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1 9. (Amended) A storage medium to store a computer program for  
2 automatically finding and organizing items similar to example items that, when  
3 executed by a machine, resulting in the following:

4 providing related, not related, and suggestions group areas for an  
5 organization instance, each of these areas to contain items;

6 receiving at least one example item for said organization instance provided by  
7 a user, said at least one example item being placed in said related group area;

8 searching a database to locate at least one item which is related to at least  
9 one item in said related group area based on a predetermined criterion, and placing  
10 located items in said suggestions group area;

11 modifying said predetermined criterion based on at least one of the user  
12 providing at least one additional example item and the user moving an item from one  
13 of said group areas to another of said group areas; and

14 continually searching said database to locate and place additional items in  
15 said suggestions group area which are related to said at least one item in said  
16 related group area based upon said modified predetermined criterion.

1 10. (Amended) The storage medium as claimed in claim 9, wherein said  
2 predetermined criterion comprises assigning a normalized relevance score for each  
3 item based on each item's relevance to said at least one item in said related group  
4 area and wherein located items having a relevance score greater than a  
5 predetermined threshold are placed in said suggestions group area.

1 11. (Amended) The storage medium as claimed in claim 9, further  
2 comprising providing a user interface including visual representations of said related,

3 not related, and suggestions group areas, each visual representation of an area  
4 including a visual representation of items contained therein.

1 **12. (Amended)** The storage medium as claimed in claim **11**, wherein said  
2 user selectively moves an item from one group area to another group area via said  
3 user interface by moving a visual representation of the item from a visual  
4 representation of said one group area to a visual representation of said another  
5 group area.

1 **13. (Amended)** The storage medium as claimed in claim **12**, wherein said  
2 user interface comprises a graphical user interface and said visual representations of  
3 said group areas each comprises a pane on a display.

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1 **14. (Amended)** The storage medium as claimed in claim **13**, wherein said  
2 user selectively moves an item from one group area to another group area via said  
3 user interface by dragging a visual representation of the item from a pane of said  
4 one group area to a pane of said another group area.

1 **15. (Amended)** The storage medium as claimed in claim **9**, wherein each  
2 of said items indicates one of a file, an email, and a mail item such as a task, a note,  
3 contact information and a web page.

1 **16. (Amended)** The storage medium as claimed in claim **9**, further  
2 comprising providing related, not related, and suggestions group areas for at least  
3 another organization instance and further comprising modifying said predetermined

4 criterion based on the user moving an item from said related group area of said  
5 another organization instance to said not related group area of said organization  
6 instance or from said not related group area of said another organization instance to  
7 said related group area of said organization instance or from said suggestions group  
8 area of said another organization instance to said related or not related group areas  
9 of said organization instance.

1 17. (Amended) A method of automatically finding and organizing items  
2 similar to example items provided by a user in a computer system, comprising:

3 providing related, not related, and suggestions group areas for an  
4 organization instance, each of these areas to contain items;

5 receiving at least one example item for said organization instance provided by  
6 a user, said at least one example item being placed in said related group area of  
7 said organization instance;

8 searching a database to locate at least one item which is related to at least  
9 one item in said related group area based on a predetermined criterion and placing  
10 said located at least one item in said suggestions group area of said organization  
11 instance, wherein said predetermined criterion comprises assigning a normalized  
12 relevance score for each item based on each item's relevance to said at least one  
13 item in said related group area and wherein located items having a relevance score  
14 greater than a predetermined threshold are placed in said suggestions group area;

15 modifying said predetermined criterion based on at least one of the user  
16 providing at least one additional example item and the user moving an item from one  
17 of said group areas to another of said group areas and the user moving an item

18 from a related, not related or suggestions group area of another organization  
19 instance to one group area of said organization instance; and  
20 continually searching said database to locate and place additional items in  
21 said suggestions group area of said organization instance which are related to said  
22 at least one item in said related group area based upon said modified predetermined  
23 criterion.

1 **18. (Amended)** The method as claimed in claim 17, further comprising  
2 providing a user interface including visual representations of said related, not related,  
3 and suggestions group areas, each visual representation of an area including a  
4 visual representation of items contained therein.

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1 **19. (Amended)** The method as claimed in claim 18, wherein said user  
2 selectively moves an item from one group area to another group area via said user  
3 interface by moving a visual representation of the item from a visual representation  
4 of said one group area to a visual representation of said another group area.

1 **20. (Amended)** The method as claimed in claim 19, wherein said user  
2 interface comprises a graphical user interface and said visual representations of said  
3 group areas each comprises a pane on a display.

1 **21. (Amended)** The method as claimed in claim 20, wherein said user  
2 selectively moves an item from one group area to another group area via said user  
3 interface by dragging a visual representation of the item from a pane of said one  
4 group area to a pane of said another group area.

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1           **22. (Amended)**       The method as claimed in claim **18**, wherein each of said  
2   items indicates one of a file, an email, and a mail item such as a task, a note, contact  
3   information and a web page.

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